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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510
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Senator
Fulbright

The Honorable Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Helms:

In the next few weeks, the Committee will be discussing the Soviet strategic threat in various classified Executive Sessions. To supplement the testimony you have given the Committee, I would appreciate answers to the following questions:

1. What was the rate of deployment of new SS-9 complexes in 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969 and the first half of 1970? In connection with your reply to this question, can you supply the Committee with deployment curves illustrating your answer?

2. How many starts have there been on individual SS-9 silos since April 1970? Since August 1969? How many starts have there been on new SS-9 complexes since April 1970? Since August 1969? How many completions have there been of individual SS-9 silos and of SS-9 complexes since August 1969? When was construction first identified on the SS-9 silos completed since August 1969?

3. How many starts on individual SS-11 and SS-13 silos have there been since April 1970? Since August 1969? How many starts on new SS-11 and SS-13 silos have there been since April 1970? Since August 1969? How many completions of individual SS-11 and SS-13 silos have there been since April 1970? Since August 1969?

4. Are there any indications that the Soviets slowed down the deployment of SS-9's in connection with the SALT talks?

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Fulbright
Chairman

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Senator Case's Questions and Chairman
Fulbright's Letter

1. In response to your query, the Case questions cover various aspects of Soviet and ChiCom strategic capabilities and intentions, while the Fulbright letter is concerned with the rate of Soviet ICBM deployment.

2. For example Senator Case asks about SS-9 and SS-11 deployment; Soviet intentions regarding SS-9; our verification capabilities re improved accuracy of SS-11, MIRV warheads for SS-9, and upgrading Tallin to ABM role; Y-class sub program and U.S. capabilities to monitor Soviet subs; status of Soviet ABM and Hon House; Soviet nuclear strategic thinking, especially re first strike; Soviet reaction to our deployment of MIRV's; ChiCom nuclear capabilities and intentions; and PFIAB's estimate of the Soviet threat.

3. Fulbright asks for rate of SS-9 deployment for each year from 1966 through mid-1970, and figures on recent starts of SS-9, SS-11 and SS-13.

4. As far as we know Fulbright never looked at Case's questions.

5. Copies of Case's questions and Fulbright's letter are attached.



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